COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF REGULATIONS

The Division proposes to amend its regulations under the authority of M.G.L. c. 118E, ss. 7 and 12 and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, s. 3. The Division describes the substance of the proposed actions as amendments to regulations found at 103 CMR 407.000. Key amendments address MassHealth coverage and payment for transportation services through selective contracts with brokers; the role of the MassHealth dental third-party administrator in authorizing transportation; documentation to support medical necessity for transportation; and clarifying criteria for determining the availability of public transportation.

It is anticipated that these amendments will not go into effect before July 1, 2009.

All persons desiring to submit data, views, or arguments concerning these proposed actions may submit them in writing to the Medicaid Director, EOHHS, One Ashburton Place, Room 1109, Boston, Massachusetts 02108, or e-mail them to masshealthpublicnotice@state.ma.us. E-mailed comments should contain the sender's name, mailing address, and organization or affiliation, if any. Comments will be accepted through April 10, 2009.

All persons desiring to review the current draft of the proposed actions may go to www.mass.gov/masshealth/proposedregs or request a copy in writing or in person from the MassHealth Publications Unit, 600 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

The Division may adopt a revised version of the proposed actions taking into account relevant comments and any other practical alternatives that come to the Division's attention.

By Order of the Division of Medical Assistance

TOM DEHNER, MEDICAID DIRECTOR

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